

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE. PRINCIPLES OF AGRICULTURE DISCUSSED BY PRACTICAL FARMERS.

First Session of the Institute—The Object of the Alliance Presented by Major Page.

A cold wind, such as would have done credit to November, blew over Chatham street yesterday.

Upon the most elevated spot on that beautiful place in a half-finished barn and several hundred farmers and their families were gathered.

The breeze fanned the cheeks and chilled the bodies until the ladies put into wraps the wraps they had with them, and gentlemen who had evened their coats and drew them on.

It was an unpropitious day for the opening of the Farmers' Institute, but the weather was not the only thing that was not propitious.

Ten o'clock was the time appointed for the meeting, and at that hour the first persons were present.

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STREET RAILWAYS. SEVERAL CHANGES THAT THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS WOULD MAKE.

The Pulling Up of Tracks on Franklin and Marshall Recommended and Certain Connections Suggested.

Subjects of street-railway legislation engaged the attention of several members of the Council Committee on Streets for nearly two hours last night.

It was a meeting of the sub-committee to which several matters relating to the street-railways were referred.

The real object of the meeting was to suggest to the street-railway people that they should not be content with the status quo.

The first matter taken up was a recommendation of the Board of Public Works and Improvement Company (Marshall street line) to be allowed to take up all that portion of the street between Fourth and Main streets.

In reply to a question Mr. Fisher stated that the street-railway does not pay and that at present it is run at a loss.

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WICKHAM VENTURE. HE SEES THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS DISRUPTED.

No Convention Called—The City Committee Wants the Redistricting Ordinance to Stand.

Captain W. F. Wickham, of Hanover, will not be a candidate for Congress this fall.

He has very wisely concluded that the Republican party in this district is hopelessly disrupted and disorganized.

Captain Wickham was mentioned about six months ago as a probable aspirant.

He has received many letters and appeals from Republicans to announce himself.

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W. C. CARRINGTON. DEATH AT WILLIAMSBURG OF A POPULAR EX-MAYOR OF RICHMOND.

Sketch of His Life as a Citizen, Confederate Soldier, and Public Official—Family Connections.

Hon. William Cornelius Carrington, who had been a resident of Richmond since 1868 and served the city as its chief executive from 1876 to 1888, died at 8 o'clock last night at Williamsburg, where he had been an inmate of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum since the 15th of October last.

Colonel Carrington had been ill in health for a long while, and for the last few days his death had been almost hourly expected.

It was on Monday that his condition became so alarming as to preclude all hope of recovery.

His remains will be brought to Richmond, arriving here on the 11 o'clock train to-morrow morning, and the funeral will be held on Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

Colonel Carrington was a native of New York, and was educated at the University of the City of New York.

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